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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were lower on all sizes in all locations. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels continued light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample while demand was mostly light. A few breakers were continuing to bid lower prices for additional breaking stock. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-54	49-51	LARGE	28-35	30
LARGE	45-53	47-50	MEDIUM	12-16	14
MEDIUM	29-35	32-34	SMALL	2-4	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was weak. Demand into all channels ranged light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to available for the light demand. Schedules were reported as usually normal. Spent hens were about adequate for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	53-57
LARGE	46-60	51-55
MEDIUM	30-43	35-37

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with a few more retail features planned for this week. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample while demand was mostly light. A few breakers were continuing to bid lower prices for additional breaking stock. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52.5-61	54-57
LARGE	50.5-59	52-55
MEDIUM	32.5-41	34-37

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was mostly weak. Retail and distributive demand remained light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to available for the light demand. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Light type hens were about adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-67	53-56
LARGE	50-67	51-54
MEDIUM	32.5-44	33-37

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were 3 cents lower on mediums, 2 cents lower on heavier weights. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	58-62
LARGE	56-60
MEDIUM	39-43

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-59	53-55
LARGE	50-58	51-54
MEDIUM	36-43	37-39

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 11-12 cents lower on jumbo, 12-13 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last week with California down 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 23%. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 12 cents lower on jumbo, 13 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium, and small. The California inventory was 11% lower than last week. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 50. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	70

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
JUMBO	249-347	
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	
LARGE	199-239	NOT AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-205	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 15, 2004 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 08, 2004 were 246,389 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	208,494	37,895	246,389
% change from the prior week.....	+13	-8	+9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample while demand was mostly light. A few breakers were continuing to bid lower prices for additional breaking stock. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	30-34	30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-23	17-19

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-15	10.5-12	11.40
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-14.25	10-10.5	10.88

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT. 12, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.8	33.7	6.3	11.1	12.1	76.0
	Change	-0.2	6.5	0.7	-3.0	1.4	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	65.7	15.2	26.3	38.3	174.5
	Change	1.5	2.4	0.9	-0.8	-2.5	1%
Large	Curr Wk	53.2	143.5	74.7	100.4	113.6	485.4
	Change	3.1	-11.0	6.0	-3.1	-5.7	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.8	57.5	21.9	23.9	35.7	156.8
	Change	-0.5	5.9	5.6	2.8	0.7	10%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	15.3	3.5	8.8	5.3	37.8
	Change	-2.1	1.0	-1.8	0.2	-1.8	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	31.4	6.7	16.6	4.5	64.4
	Change	-1.3	-0.8	-2.1	-1.7	-0.7	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.8	40.5	32.2	43.1	36.3	173.9
	Change	-4.1	0.7	1.0	-0.5	3.5	0%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	144.7	387.6	160.5	230.2	245.8	1,168.8
	Change	-2%	1%	7%	-3%	-2%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,168.8	0%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	287.9	12%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,456.7	2%	206
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 8, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 12.25								FUTURE LOADS 1.00		TOTAL LOADS 13.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	36.00	39.75	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	27.75	29.95	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	28.00	31.00	2.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	29.50	33.00	—	—	.50	NRBS - 42	16.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 42	—	21.00	—	—	18.00	21.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.25	23.75	21.00	22.00	2.75								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/04/04-10/08/04

CURRENT LOADS 97.75								FUTURE LOADS 40.50		TOTAL LOADS 138.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	36.00	38.50	35.25	36.67	—	—	10.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	29.75	31.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	56.43	5.25
GL W J	—	—	57.50	56.50	42.76	—	7.25	GL W XL	39.50	41.63	—	52.00	—	51.26	15.50
GL W XL	—	51.50	47.80	48.64	37.94	39.07	49.25	GL W LG	—	48.83	—	49.00	—	48.33	11.50
GL W LG	—	45.08	41.00	42.00	37.00	35.67	18.50	GL W MD	25.00	—	—	—	29.50	31.87	17.00
GL W MD	29.00	—	—	—	33.00	26.50	8.00	GL W SD	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	26.00	28.42	23.88	26.00	—	25.00	11.00	GL BR LG	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	58.00	47.00	—	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	35.00	33.00	34.00	32.32	33.95	34.00	NRBS - 42	16.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	31.90	33.80	—	30.33	5.50								
NRBS - 42	19.00	20.50	—	—	19.83	21.60	7.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.25	23.75	21.00	22.00	2.75								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/04/04	09/27/04	10/06/03
PACIFIC COAST	127	141	132
LOS ANGELES	96	108	74

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on smalls, lower on the balance of sizes. Supplies are ample. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	68.74
LARGE	66.74
MEDIUM	49.74
SMALL	39.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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**PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	2,416,729	8	135
FREE FLOWING	6,023,124	-5	78
BLEND	1,386,686	-25	8
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	5,902,667	8	4
BLEND	62,800	-26	-38
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,281,807	-23	-3
BLEND	12,887	-23	-81
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,810,351	-7	-8
TOTAL	21,897,051	-4	21

**DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:**

AUGUST 29, 2004 - OCTOBER 2, 2004

TOTAL 13,034,000 POUNDS.

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Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

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